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(C) On November 28, emboff delivered reftel points to Department of Foreign Affairs Eastern Europe and Central Asia Deputy Director Ruaidhri Dowling. Dowling said that the GOI shares the USG's concern that the new Russian draft law could be used to constrain NGO activities and added that this law may lead to severe consequences for Russian civil society. According to Dowling, since the UK Presidency is communicating the EU's concern directly to the GOR, Ireland is unlikely to take any high level bilateral action on this matter.

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